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Proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019

Review of part two: biennial programme plan, by sectoral, functional and regional bodies

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Secretariat provides herewith updated information on the review of part two: biennial programme plan, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019, by relevant sectoral, functional and regional bodies. Updates have been made to programmes 11, 12, 13, 18 and 21, to reflect the outcome of meetings undertaken, and to programmes 7, 11, 12, 18 and 21, to include the document references.

2. The annex provides an overview of action taken or planned by the relevant intergovernmental bodies. The relevant documents, when available, can be provided to the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as necessary.

3. During its fifty-sixth session, the Committee will be informed of any modifications to the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019 resulting from decisions made by relevant intergovernmental bodies before the conclusion of the session. The Committee will be informed at its fifty-seventh session of any modifications resulting from decisions made by relevant intergovernmental bodies after the conclusion of the fifty-sixth session.

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Annex

Overview of action taken on the review of part two: biennial programme plan, of the proposed strategic framework for 2018-2019 by relevant intergovernmental bodies and the Secretariat

Programme and subprogramme	*Sectoral, functional or regional body*	*Document*	*Comments*
1. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	Committee on Conferences	Letter dated 19 May 2016 from the Chair of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the Chair of the Committee for Programme and Coordination	At its 541st meeting, held on 25 April 2016, the Committee on Conferences reviewed programme 1, in accordance with regulation 4.8 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation. The Committee on Conferences agreed that any proposed amendments would be raised when the Committee for Programme and Coordination takes up the item at its fifty-sixth session, to be held from 31 May to 24 June 2016
2. Political affairs			
Subprogramme 1, Prevention, management and resolution of conflicts	None	–	–
Subprogramme 2, Policy and mediation support	–	–	–
Subprogramme 3, Electoral assistance	None	–	–
Subprogramme 4, Security Council affairs	Security Council	–	–

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Subprogramme 5, Decolonization	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	–	The Special Committee will meet in mid-June 2016
Subprogramme 6, Question of Palestine	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	–	The Bureau of the Committee will review the proposed biennial programme plan at its next meeting, scheduled for mid-June 2016
Subprogramme 7, Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force	–	–	–
Subprogramme 8, Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process	None	–	–
Subprogramme 9, Peacebuilding Support Office	None	–	–
Subprogramme 10, United Nations Register of Damage Caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory	None	–	–
Subprogramme 11, United Nations Office to the African Union	None	–	–
4. Peacekeeping operations	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations	–	–
5. Peaceful uses of outer space	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	–	The Committee will hold its fifty-ninth session from 8 to 17 June 2016
6. Legal affairs			
Subprogramme 1, Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole	None	–	–

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Subprogramme 2, General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	None	–	–
Subprogramme 3, Progressive development and codification of international law	International Law Commission	–	The Commission will hold its sixty-eighth session from 2 May to 10 June and from 4 July to 12 August 2016
Subprogramme 4, Law of the sea and ocean affairs	None	–	–
Subprogramme 5, Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	–	The Commission will hold its forty-ninth session from 27 June to 15 July 2016
Subprogramme 6, Custody, registration and publication of treaties	None	–	–
7. Economic and social affairs	–	–	–
Subprogramme 1, Economic and Social Council support and coordination	Economic and Social Council	–	The Council will hold a coordination and management meeting from 25 to 27 July 2016
Subprogramme 2, Social policy and development	Commission for Social Development	E/2016/26-E/CN.5/2016/5	The proposed biennial programme plan was submitted to the Commission as an informal paper at its 8th meeting, on 8 February 2016, on which occasion the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development made a statement. The Commission adopted the report of the session, which includes a reference to the proposed biennial programme plan
Subprogramme 3, Sustainable development	High-level political forum on sustainable development	–	The forum will meet from 11 to 20 July 2016

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Subprogramme 4, Statistics	Statistical Commission	E/2016/24-E/CN.3/2016/34	The proposed biennial programme plan was submitted to the Commission as a background paper and introduced as part of the oral report presented by the Director of the Statistics Division on 11 March 2016. The Commission took note of it, as reflected in its decision 47/115
Subprogramme 5, Population	Commission on Population and Development	E/2016/25-E/CN.9/2016/9	The proposed biennial programme plan was submitted to the Commission at its forty-ninth session, held from 11 to 15 April 2016, as a conference room paper and introduced under the agenda item on programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population. The Commission took note of it, as reflected in its report
Subprogramme 6, Development policy and analysis	None	–	–
Subprogramme 7, Public administration and development management	Committee of Experts on Public Administration	–	The proposed biennial programme plan was submitted to the Committee as an information note for comments at its fifteenth session, held from 18 to 22 April 2016. No changes were proposed
Subprogramme 8, Sustainable forest management	United Nations Forum on Forests	–	The Forum will hold its twelfth session in mid-2017
Subprogramme 9, Financing for development	None	–	–
8. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	None	–	–

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9. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	None	–	–
10. Trade and development			
Subprogrammes 1 to 5 (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development)	Trade and Development Board, Working Party on the Strategic Framework and the Programme Budget	TD/B/WP/277	The Working Party reviewed the proposed strategic framework for 2018-2019 at its seventy-second session, held from 30 November to 2 December 2015, and its comments were taken into account in the proposed biennial programme plan (A/71/6 (Prog. 10))
Subprogramme 6, Operational aspects of trade promotion and export development (International Trade Centre)	Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/ World Trade Organization	–	The Advisory Group will hold its fiftieth annual meeting on 4 July 2016
11. Environment	United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme	UNEP/EA.2/20	At its second session, held from 23 to 27 May 2016, the Environment Assembly did not propose any changes to the proposed biennial programme plan (A/71/6 (Prog. 11))
12. Human settlements	Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Letter dated 8 February 2016 from the Chair of the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work addressed to the Chair of the Committee for Programme and Coordination	The draft strategic framework was reviewed by the Subcommittee on Policy and Programme of Work in four sessions, on 30 November 2015 and 11, 13 and 19 January 2016. The members of the Subcommittee provided general comments and a revised version of the draft strategic framework was circulated to the members of the Committee, and included in the proposed biennial programme plan (A/71/6 (Prog. 12))

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13. International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and Commission on Narcotic Drugs	E/2015/30/Add.1-E/CN.15/2015/19/Add.1	At their joint reconvened sessions, held on 10 and 11 December 2015, the two commissions reviewed programme 13 and expressed their support for the draft, as reflected in the report. The Commission on Narcotic Drugs then considered the draft during its fifty-ninth regular session, held from 14 to 22 March 2016, while the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice considered the proposed biennial programme plan, as reflected in A/71/6 (Prog. 13) and Corr.1, at its twenty-fifth session, held from 23 to 27 May 2016. No changes were proposed
14. Gender equality and empowerment of women	Commission on the Status of Women		By its resolution 64/289, the General Assembly established the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) as a composite entity to function as a secretariat and to carry out operational activities under a dual intergovernmental governance structure. Together with the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, which are part of the governance structure for both the normative functions and operational activities of UN-Women, the Commission on the Status of Women constitutes the governance structure for the normative support functions and provides normative policy advice to the entity, while the Executive Board of

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			UN-Women constitutes the governance structure for the operational activities and provides operational policy guidance to the entity. The Commission will hold its sixty-first session from 13 to 24 March 2017
Subprogramme 1, Intergovernmental support, coordination and strategic partnerships	–	–	–
Subprogramme 2, Policy and programme activities	–	–	–
15. Economic and social development in Africa	Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development	E/ECA/CM/49/2-AU/STC/FMEPI/MIN/Rpt/2(II)	At its forty-ninth session, held on 4 and 5 April 2016, the Conference, by its resolution 943(XLIX), endorsed the proposed biennial programme plan
16. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission	E/ESCAP/72/CRP.2	At its sixth plenary meeting, held on 19 May 2016, the Commission reviewed and endorsed programme 16 (A/71/6 (Prog. 16))
17. Economic development in Europe	Economic Commission for Europe, Executive Committee	ECE/EX/2015/7	At its 81st meeting, on 23 November 2015, the Executive Committee reviewed the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019 and requested the Secretariat to take into account the comments made by Member States, which are included in the proposed biennial programme plan (A/71/6 (Prog. 17))

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18. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	ECLAC resolution 704(XXXVI)	The proposed biennial programme plan was submitted to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session, held in Mexico City from 23 to 27 May 2016. No changes were proposed
19. Economic and social development in Western Asia	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	E/ESCWA/2015/EC.2/5	The Commission's Executive Committee reviewed programme 19 at its second meeting, held from 14 to 16 December 2015. The Commission will review the proposed strategic framework for 2018-2019 at its twenty-ninth session, in September 2016
20. Human rights	Human Rights Council	–	The role of the Human Rights Council in the review of programme 20 has been clarified to the effect that, from a legal point of view, and consistent with the practice of the former Commission on Human Rights, the Council should not be considered a relevant intergovernmental organ, as referred to in regulation 4.8 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation. Nevertheless, in follow-up to the invitation made in the statement of the President of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/PRST/15/2), the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights shared programme 20 with the Council members, through a letter to the

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			President dated 26 April 2016, and held an informal briefing to facilitate the exchange of views with Member States on 12 May. In keeping with the statement of the President of the Human Rights Council, the High Commissioner informed Member States of his willingness to relay to the Committee for Programme and Coordination any written comments received on the proposed biennial programme plan
21. International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Standing Committee	EC/67/SC/CRP.8/ Rev.1	The proposed biennial programme plan was presented to the Standing Committee at its sixty-fifth meeting, held from 15 to 17 March 2016. The summary of the discussions is contained in paragraphs 48 to 58 of the report of the sixty-fifth meeting of the Standing Committee
22. Palestine refugees	None	–	–
23. Humanitarian assistance	None	–	–
24. Public information	Committee on Information	A/71/21	At its thirty-eighth session, held from 26 April to 6 May 2016, the Committee took note of the proposed biennial programme plan
25. Management and support services	None	–	–
26. Internal oversight	None	–	–
27. Jointly financed activities	None	–	–
28. Safety and security	None	–	–